

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 751

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Deputy Josh Antras  
upon his naming as the 2007 Officer of the Year  
by the Blount County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Deputy Josh Antras, who was recently chosen as the 2007 Officer of the Year by the Blount County Sheriff's Department, a fitting recognition for his dedication in protecting and serving the good people of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a Blount County native, Deputy Antras graduated from Heritage High School in 1998, whereupon he attended Motlow State Community College in Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, desirous of becoming a deputy his entire life, Deputy Antras attended and graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Walters State Community College before joining the Sheriff's office in 2001 as a corrections officer; in 2005, he moved into his new role as a patrolman; and

WHEREAS, according to Sheriff James Berrong, Deputy Josh Antras has exhibited a consistency of compassion and loyalty, but it was one incident in particular which highlighted his high level of concern for the citizens of Blount County and made him stand apart as a "true hero"; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2007, Deputy Antras, while checking on the welfare of an elderly woman, discovered that she had no power, no food, no running water, and no money; and

WHEREAS, instead of referring her to a community agency, Deputy Antras bought the woman groceries, water, flashlights, batteries, and food for her cat before contacting her church and apprising church officials of her situation; and

WHEREAS, his compassion, in all likelihood, saved the woman's life and his decision to go above and beyond the call of duty stands as a shining example of the commitment to excellence possessed by many law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Antras epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Deputy Josh Antras for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Deputy Josh Antras upon his selection as the Blount County Sheriff's Department's 2007 Officer of the Year, applaud the his many good deeds both in and out of the line of duty, thank him for his service to the good people of Blount County and Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.